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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 32

Part B for February 1918.

SUBJECT.

District Fund Administration Report
for the year 1916-17.

Sl 32. G. P. No. 4319-33 of 2-2-18.

Reviews the District Fund Administration Report
for the year 1916-17.

B. G. Karsimengai. 25/2/19.

ROUTINE NOTES.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders
of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Consolidated review on the -
several District Fund Administration Re-
ports for the year 1916-17.



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Order.

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SUBJECT.....

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File No.

Serial No.

General and Revenue Secretariat

Proceedings of the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Date of issue.....

Read.—

Signed by.....

The St Juned Admin
Report for 1916-17 The
Year 1916-17

May this be

i Printed

ii treated as a standing order.

iii published in the Gazette
English part?

iv translated?

v placed at the disposal of the press?

vi published in the Gazette
Kannada part?

Order Thereon:— No

There was a delay of 3
weeks in the submission of
the Bangalore St Report and

over.

almost all the other reports were received in time by the 1st Oct 1917. In spite of the clear instructions issued year after ~~every~~ year, there has been no appreciable improvement in the correct preparation of the statements and the reports.

The Board should be able
to obviate all these irregularities
by employing qualified
and competent officers.
~~which~~ policy affects

Has Revision of Statute
book been made up

The report of each St Board
has been separately reviewed
and in this order but propose
to review the progress made
collectively during the
Year 1916-17.

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2 Development of local self govt

The recommendations of the two committees appointed to go into the question of the constitution and powers of local bodies and of their finances together with the suggestions of the Local Boards and the Conference of 1915 were considered and orders were issued during the year laying down the policy of Govt ^{in regard to} ~~in~~ these matters.

~~Legislative action has been taken to carry the intended reforms into practice, by the enactment of a separate Regn for the guidance of the local Bds, which will be passed in the near future.~~

of the Local Bds Regn of 1902.

legislative action has since been undertaken to give effect to the ~~several reforms~~ ^{to give effect to the} legislative action has also been since taken to amend the existing local Bds Regn with a view to give effect to the reforms accepted by Govt in their order of 18th Nov 16. It is hoped that the ~~new~~ Re & bring the amending Regn. into force before the close of the financial year.

The reforms are expected to
~~be~~ come into effect
from

In the meanwhile the
Local Body Rules have
been amended to as
to raise the number of
elective seats on the
T.M. and St. Board's
and Rules have been
framed for the election
of Vice-Presidents for the
St. Board and the
St. Bd. allowed to elect
a non-official member.

The rules under the Local Bd
regulation were revised so as
to raise the number of elective
seats on the T.M. and St. Bd.
and rules were framed for the
election of President and Vice
Presidents for St. Bd. The
further revision of the rules is
being engaged for consideration;
with a view to their conforming
to the ~~Amendment~~ ^{Amendment} ~~provisions~~ ^{provisions}
of the new Regs.

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3 Contribution and working
of local boards. In ad-
dition to the Kolar Gold
Fields Sanitary Board
there were as in the
previous year 8 St Bds
and 77 Taluk Bds,
but the number of
union Panchayats
rose from 260 to 264
as a result of the esta-
blishment of 4 new
Panchayats in the
Tumkur Dt. The
average attendance at
the meetings of the Kolar
Gold Fields San. Bd.
was practically the same
as in the previous year
(80 per cent) while ~~that~~
~~that~~ at the meetings of the
other Boards showed a
decrease, the percentage

to the total strength
being 74; ~~74~~ and 65
at the meetings of
the O.T.B.s, ~~the total~~
~~74~~ and the union
branchers against
76; ~~74~~ and 71 res.
in the previous year

Though there was a
slight improvement
in the attendance

of members at the
meeting of Taluk B.s,
from 54 to 60 per cent, the percentage of

~~the~~ attendance of
officials there was
almost constant, 55 per cent.
The official members
had attended the meetings
more regularly
~~and in large~~

attendance is ~~not~~ ^{not} improved
as far as an improvement in spite
of the observation made in this report
in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~past~~ ^{past} years. The necessity of
regular attendance at these meetings
should be clearly impressed on the
mind of members and ~~they should be~~
~~encouraged~~ ^{encouraged} to ~~co-operate~~ ^{co-operate} fully
in the work of the local boards.

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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General Review on
the S. F. Admin
Reports for 1916-17
with the Reports
and appendices
is subd

by S. M.
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Routine Notes.

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Submitted

Each of 78. Adminstr. Report
has been reviewed separately
copies of which are put up.
This is a general review for
the ^{whole} State
Subd. with references and a
Typed draft review as approved
by Rev Secy.

The original separate
reviews are kept in the
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Approved

Issue & submit

to Dewan. with D.S.N.
(New Council Rules
& Business -)

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Sl. 32 - P. no. 434-33 2.2.18. Review
the 27. Admin. Reports for 1916-17.

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4. Audit of accounts and
Finance Committees

Detailed Rules were laid down during the year for the guidance of the Finance Committees to regularise and systematise their audit of the St Fund accounts every month. In spite of this none of the committees except that of Chitaldrug took sufficient ~~that~~ interest in conducting the audit regularly every month. This is not satisfactory. The liability of the members under Section 36 of the Local Bds Regn for any loss, waste or misapplication of St Fund money or property should be specially impressed on

in the StBAS and they be
advised to take

suitable measures
for the regular and
prompt settlement of
the accounts. ~~Though the~~

audit of the accounts

of 1915-16 by the local

Audit Staff of the

Comptroller's office

did not disclose any

grave irregularities,

omission to make necessary

entries in the registers

to prevent double claims

and non-reconciliation of Pass B

of balances with the

monthly cash AC count balances,

and long delay in the payment

of pound commission

charges and in repayment

of imprests were the

principal defects noticed

during the audit.

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There was no improvement
in the keeping of the
accounts and the disposal
of the audit notes and
objections ^{in all cases} except ~~in~~
~~the Kolar~~ ~~it~~ was
very dilatory. objections
raised in audit
should receive
prompt attention
and by ~~closer~~ ^{superior} control over
~~the office staffs~~ the
~~accounts~~ should
be properly main-
tained
and the preparation of the
accounts by the office staffs
should be carefully
scrutinised.

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5. Financial position

The income and expenditure of the year contrast with those of the previous year as shown in the following statement ~~of the~~ III ~~following statement~~

Items	1916-17	1915-16
<u>Receipts</u>		
1. Allotment from local cess	5,67,248	5,51,766
2. Railway cess	1,78,897	1,09,132
3. House, shop and hushatayn taxes	1,48,345	1,20,234
4. Tolls	45,414	41,225
5. Feries	5,807	6,783
6. Markets	55,901	58,189
7. Accommodation for travellers	3,723	3,268
8. Fines under Village Sanitation Rules	938	649
9. Interest on investments	1	10,010
10. Contributions	4,8,836	70,160
11. Deposits	46,735	31,962
12. Drinking water Well Fund	2,30,058	172,551
13. Other items	92,109	95,524
<u>Total</u>	14,23,718	12,71,453

Expenditure

1. Public works executed	4,17,556	4,21,490
by P.W. & C.	1,61,750	1,61,219
2. Do by civil Dept.	71,947	58,585
3. Administration and collection	1,22,741	118,252
4. ~~Contingencies~~ and ~~contingencies~~	77,775	98,398
5. Medical Relief	27,379	27,194
6. Accommodation for travelers	~~---~~ 5,556	1,49,705
7. Railway construction	~~---~~	~~1,49,705~~
8. Interest on loan	—	19,328
9. Deposits	33,132	27,769
10. Drinking Water Wells Fund	79,017	71,061
11. Investments	72,815	—
12. Adjustment of Railway loan collection; erroneously credited in the account of 1945	—	2,36,423
13. Other items	~~58,071~~ 51,926	36,721
<u>Total</u>	<u>11,42,605</u>	<u>14,26,141</u>

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SECRETARIAT:

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The increase under receipts was mainly due to better collection of local cess, to the levy of shop tax in unions and of railway cess newly in the Shimoga and Kadur Dts. and to the adjustment of the Govt grant for Rural Water Supply due to the Bangalore D. for 1915-16. The decrease under expenditure was only nominal and is due partly to the absence of adjustments of Railway loan collections as in the previous year and partly to the

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Demand, Collection and balanceOut of the current demand of Rs14,23,950 under house and shoptaxes in various only a sum of Rs8,39,090 or 58% was collected,while out of the arrears of previousyears arrears amounting to Rs 11,02,11052% was left uncollected. Thearrears were very heavy in theBangalore, Mysore and ShimogaDistricts. The arrears under Rsin Hassan and under previous inthe Shimoga and Hassan Districts alsocontinued to be heavy. In spiteof the observations made by Govtin this connection in the variousprevious years, regarding the DistrictGovts to foster greater attentionto the collection work, it isunsatisfactory to note that noattempt has been madeto reduce the arrears from underthe main item of revenue regarding

the attention of the Collection Staff.

The efficient administration of local bodies depends on their sound financial condition and Govt. desire that special measures should be promptly taken by the Boards & Local Boards to deal with all cases of arrears which at present encumber the books and to ensure ^{timely} ~~prompt~~ collection of the current demand.

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Public works:

The outlay incurred on public works executed by the P.W.D. was as usual mainly on the repairs of roads. The expenditure on public works in the unions was Rs 39479 or 33% of that incurred by the S.B. in the Civil Deptt. The condition of roads in the Bangalore and Kolar Distts is reported to have been not very satisfactory, but it is hoped that the Boards named ^{named} will be able to improve the condition of the roads by increasing their mileage allotment as under the L.S. G. Scheme additional work has accrued to them. The lapses under P. works, except in the Civil Deptt were very heavy in the Bangalore ~~Distt~~ where the and ranged from 18% in the Kolar Distt to 73% in the Bangalore ~~Distt~~. The explanations furnished for

which could have been avoided to some extent
these lapses are not quite satisfactory.

The instructions contained in 7.0.126
9231-52 / L.B. 249-14-1 of 22.5.15
and in para 5 of the Genl Return on
1892 Admin Reports for the year 1915-16
should be strictly followed.

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Rural water supply
 The income and
 expenditure under
 the Drinking Water
 Wells Fund amounts
 to Rs 2,30,058 and
 Rs 79,017 against
 Rs 1,73,551 and Rs 71,061--
 respectively in the
 previous year. 969
 wells were in progress
 at the close of the
 year and 208 wells
 were completed
 during the year. The
 scarcity of skilled
 labor and want
 of suitable boring
 plant retarded
 progress in the
 execution of the
 wells. The result
 of the past three

The progress made under
 the Rural water Supply Scheme

years during which
the Rural Water
Supply Scheme
~~was in force~~
~~has been reviewed~~
Separately - in
spite of the special
facilities given
by Govt in the
~~form of~~ by sanctioning
the employment of
Special Executive
establishment &
and the purchase
of ordinary boring
tools the progress
has been very slow
and a large portion
of the allotment
has been allowed to
remain unexpended.
The Dy Comptroller should
pay special attention to
this important matter
and secure satisfactory progress
in future.

During the ^{past} three years, he
has reviewed separately.
The progress reported
under the scheme has not
been commensurate with
the various facilities sanctioned
by Govt from time to time. A
large portion of the allotment
has been allowed to remain
unexpended. Govt. hope that
the local officers will pay sufficient
attention to this important
matter & ensure satisfactory
progress in future and employ
the special establishments
sanctioned for the purpose
fully.

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Railways ^{Execution} The ~~Execution~~ of the Kolar St Bd Railway from Kolar to Chikballapur was completed and the entire line opened for traffic in Nov 16. Action was taken by the Chitaldurg St Bd to raise a loan of Rs 9 lakhs to finance a railway line from Chikjajur to Chitaldurg. The Govt have since sanctioned the construction of the line and agreed to contribute a moiety of the capital cost ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~expensive construction~~.

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Two new dispensaries
were opened at
Anavatti and
Kantabennur
in the Shimoga Dt.

Medical Relief

12,90,987 patients

were treated in

the #912 Local Fund

dispensaries sub-

sidised in part

from the St Fund,

against 11,20,108

patients in the pre-

vious year. The

increase in the

number of patients

was chiefly in the

Bangalore, Chitaldrug

Hassan and

Mysore Dts and has

not been explained

in the Reports. In

the Kan Kanbatti

Dispensary there

has been an

abnormal increase

from ~~72,957~~ to 44,410

11,624

in the number of
patients treated.

The Result is Request
to investigate the
Cause of the abnormal
increase and
report the cause
to go through
the Court House.

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Vital Statistics. The
 deaths registered
 during one year ~~have~~
 increased from
 77,071 to 88,963 chiefly
 on account of ^{the prevalence of} plague
 in almost all
 the DTS and on
 account of cholera
 in the Mysore Dts.
 102,714 births were
 registered against
 100,268 in the
 previous year.

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conservancy and sanitation
 Rs 1,23,746 were spent on
 conservancy and
 sanitation against
 Rs 1,18,252 in the pre-
 vious year. The Village
 sanitation rules were
 newly introduced
 into 473 villages during
 the year and there
 were at the end of
 the year 1397 villages
 into which the rules
 had ^{still to be} ~~not been~~
 introduced accord-
 ing to the standing
 orders. The Presdts
 should take early
 action in the matter
 in the Kolar Gold Fields
 35 persons were convicted
 out of 109 persons pro-
 secuted for the breach

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of Sanitary byelaws.

In the area under
the control of the
at Bds 654 persons
were prosecuted for
the breach of the
Village Sanitation
Rules and of these
319 were convicted.

The reports do not
contain information
regarding the
action taken to set-
ting at the defects
noticed in the notes
of inspection by
the officers of the
Sanitary Dept. The
Presds are requested
to see that a para-
is devoted to this
subject in the
reports in future.

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General

orders have been passed
 recently revising the establishments
 for the offices of the Presidents
 of the Boards. Separate
 establishments for the Joint
 Board offices are also being
 sanctioned. The facilities
 thus afforded will it is hoped
 result in an appreciable
 improvement in the nature
 of work done in these offices
 and that in making the
 Administration ^{the various} ~~grants~~
 of the Boards less much
 room for improvement,
 especially in respect of
 collection of revenue and
 execution of works, and
 Govt. Trust that in view of
 the large powers and
 responsibilities that will devolve
 on the local boards under the

Reviews the District Fund Administration
Reports for the year 1916-17.

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Proceedings of the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read:-

The District Fund Administration Re-
ports for the year 1916-17.

Order No. 4319-33

Dated, Bangalore, 2-2-1918.

There was a delay of three weeks in the submission of the Bangalore District Report and almost all the other reports were received in time, i.e., by the 1st October 1917. In spite of the clear instructions issued year after year, there has been no appreciable improvement in the correct preparation of the statements and the reports. The Presidents should be able to obviate all these irregularities by employing qualified and competent Officials while giving effect to the revision of establishments since sanctioned. ^{As} ~~Since~~ the report of each District Board has been separately reviewed, Government propose to review in this Order the progress made collectively during the year 1916-17.

Development of Local Self Govt.

2. The recommendations of the two Committees appointed to ^{consider} ~~go into~~ the question of the constitution and powers of Local Bodies and of their finances, together with the suggestions of the Local Boards

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and Municipal Conference of 1915 were ~~xxx~~ considered and orders were issued during the year laying down the policy of Govt. in regard to these matters. Legislative action has also been since taken to amend the existing Local Boards Regulation with a view to give effect to the reforms -- accepted by Govt. in their order dated 16th November 1916. It is hoped to bring the amending Regulation into force before the close of the Official year.

The Rules under the Local Boards Regulation were revised so as to raise the number of elective seats on the Taluk and District Boards and rules were framed for the election of Vice-Presidents for District Boards. A further revision of the rules is engaging the consideration of Govt. with a view to their conforming to the provisions of the new Regulation.

Constitution and working of
Local Boards.

3. In addition to the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board there were, as in the previous year eight District Boards and seventy-seven Taluk Boards but the number of Union Panchayats rose from 260 to 264 as a result of the establishment of four new Panchayats in the Tumkur Dist. The average attendance at the meetings of the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board was practically the same as in the previous year (80 per cent) while that at the meetings of the other Boards showed a decrease, the percentage to the total strength being 74½ and 65 at the meetings of the District Boards, and the Union

Panchayats against 761 and 70 respectively, in the previous year. Though there was a slight improvement in the attendance of members at the meetings of Taluk Boards, from 54 to 60 per cent, the percentage ^{of attendance} of officials did not show any improvement in spite of the observation made in this respect in previous years' reviews. The necessity of regular attendance at these meetings should be clearly impressed on the official members, who should co-operate fully in the work of the Local Boards.

Audit of accounts and Finance
Committees.

4. Detailed rules were laid down during the year for the guidance of the Finance Committees to regularise and systematise their audit of the District Fund accounts every month. In spite of this, none of the Committees except that of Chitaldrug took sufficient interest in conducting the audit regularly every month. This is not satisfactory. The liability of the members under Section 36 of the Local Boards Regulation for any loss, waste or misappropriation of Dist. Fund money or property should be specially impressed on the District Boards and they should be advised to take suitable measures for the regular and prompt scrutiny of the accounts. The audit of the ~~accounts~~ accounts of 1915-16 by the Local Audit Staff of the Comptroller's Office did not disclose any grave irregularities. Omission to make necessary entries in the registers to prevent double claims, ~~was~~

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 ment in the keeping of the accounts, and
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 tions in all the Districts except Kolar
 was very dilatory. Objections raised
 in audit should receive prompt attention
 and the preparation of the accounts by
 the office staff should be carefully
 scrutinized.

Financial Position.

5. The income and expenditure of
 the year ^{compare} ~~contrast~~ with those of the previous
 year as shown in the following statement:

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7.	Accommodation to travellers	3,723	3,268
8.	Fines under Village Sanitation Rules	938	649
9.	Interest on investments	1	10,010
10.	C o n t r i b u t i o n s	48,836	70,160
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Demand, Collection and Balance.

Out of the current demand of Rs. 1,42,395 under house and shop taxes in Unions, only a sum of Rs.83,909 or 58% was collected, while out of the arrears of previous years arrears amounting to Rs.1,10,212. ~~Rs.~~ 52% was left uncollected. The arrears were very heavy in the Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga Districts. The arrears under tolls in Hassan and under ferries in the Shimoga and Hassan Dists. also continued to be heavy. In spite of the observations made by Govt. in this connection in the reviews of previous years, requesting the Presidents of Dist. Boards to bestow greater attention to the collection work, it is unsatisfactory to note that no attempt has been made to reduce the arrears even under the main item of revenue requiring the attention of the Collection staff. ^{of local boards.} The efficient administration of local bodies depends on their sound financial condition and Govt. desire that special measures should be promptly taken by the Presidents of District Boards to deal with all cases of arrears which at present encumber the accounts and to ensure ^{timely} ~~prompt~~ collection of the current demand.

P u b l i c W o r k s .

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Rural Water Supply.

The income and expenditure under the Drinking Water Wells Fund amounted to Rs. 2,30,058 and Rs.79,017 against Rs. 1,72,551 and Rs.71,061 respectively in the previous year. 969 wells were in progress at the close of the year and 208 wells were completed during the year. Paucity of skilled labour and want of suitable boring plant retarded progress in the execution of the wells. The progress made under the Rural Water Supply scheme during the past three years has been reviewed separately. The progress reported under the scheme has not been commensurate with the various facilities sanctioned by Government from time to time. A large portion of the allotment has been allowed to remain unexpended. Govt. hope that the local offices will pay sufficient attention to this

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important matter to ensure satisfactory progress in future and employ the special establishments sanctioned for the purpose fully.

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The extension of the Kolar District Board Railway from Kolar to Chikballapur was completed and the entire line opened for traffic in November 1916. Action was taken by the ----- Chitaldrug District Board to raise a loan of Rs.9 lakhs to finance a railway line from --- Chikjajur to Chitaldrug. The Government have since sanctioned the construction of the line and agreed to contribute a moiety of the capital cost.

Medical Relief.

Two new dispensaries were opened at ---- Anavatti and Santebennur in the Shimoga Dist. 12,90,981 patients were treated in the Local Fund Dispensaries subsidised in part from the District Funds against 11,20,108 patients in the previous year. The increase in the number of patients was chiefly in the Bangalore, ~~Chik~~ Chitaldrug, Hassan and Mysore Districts and ~~has~~ has not been explained in the reports. In the Kankanhalli Dispensary there has been an ----- abnormal increase from 11,624 to 44,410 in the number of patients treated. The President is requested to investigate the cause of the abnormal increase and report the ^{same} ~~cause~~ to Govt through the Senior Surgeon

Vital Statistics.

The deaths registered during the year increased from 77,071 to 88,963 chiefly on account of the prevalence of plague in almost all the Districts and on account of Cholera in the Mysore District. 102,714 births were registered against 100,268 in the previous year.

Conservancy and Sanitation.

Rs.1,22,746 were spent on conservancy and sanitation against Rs.1,18,252 in the previous year. The village sanitation rules were newly introduced into 473 villages during the year and there were at the end of the year 1397 villages into which the rules had still to be introduced according to the standing orders. The Presidents should take early action in the matter..

On the Kolar Gold Fields 35 persons were convicted out of 109 persons prosecuted for the breach of Sanitary bye-laws. In the area under the control of the District Boards 654 persons were prosecuted for the ~~xxxx~~ breach of the Village Sanitation Rules and of these 310 were convicted. The reports do not contain information regarding the action taken to set right the defects noticed in the notes of inspection by the Officers of the Sanitary Department. The Presidents are requested to see that a para is devoted to this subject in the reports in future.

G e n e r a l.

Orders have been passed recently revising the establishments for the Offices of the Presidents of District Boards. Separate establishments for the Taluk Board Offices are also being sanctioned. The facilities thus afforded will, it is hoped, result in an appreciable improvement in the nature of work done in these offices. The general Administration of several District Boards leaves much room for improvement, especially in respect of collection of revenue and execution of works, and Government trust that in view of large powers and responsibilities that will devolve on the Local Boards under the Local Self-Govt.

Self-Govt. Scheme, the several members of these bodies, both Official and non-official will show more initiative and take an active interest ^{towards} ~~in~~ ^{& more effectually} the speedy development of these bodies.

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